

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

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A sustained-release pharmaceutical composition in a form of an orally deliverable tablet ~~comprises an active pharmaceutical agent having solubility not less than about 10mg/ml~~ containing reboxetine, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, dispersed in a matrix ~~comprising~~ containing a hydrophilic polymer and a starch ~~having, wherein the starch has~~ a tensile strength of at least ~~about~~ 0.15 kN cm<sup>-2</sup> at a solid fraction ~~representative of the tablet of 0.75 to 0.85~~.